

What is claimed is:

1        1. A method of processing first, second, and third  
2        signals for use in a system having first, second, third  
3        and fourth signal lines, comprising:

4                generating a fourth signal;

5                generating, using a pseudo-random number generator,  
6                pseudo-random output values; and

7                changing, as a function of at least one of said  
8                pseudo-random output values, which ones of the first,  
9                second, third and fourth signal lines are used to  
10          transmit the first, second, third, and fourth signals.

1        2. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a fourth  
2        signal includes:

3                processing at least one of the first, second or  
4                third signals to generate the fourth signal from said at  
5                least one of the first, second, or third signals.

1        3. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a fourth  
2        signal includes performing the act of:

3                switching between at least two of said first  
4                and second signals to generate said fourth signal.

1        4. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a fourth  
2        signal includes:

3                performing a high pass filtering operation on  
4                one of said first, second and third signals to produce a  
5                filtered signal; and

6                combining the filtered signal with a modulated  
7                pedestal signal to generate said fourth signal.

1       5. The method of claim 1, wherein the changing step is  
2       performed by a matrix multiplication operation performed  
3       on the first, second, third and fourth signals utilizing  
4       matrix coefficients generated from a plurality of the  
5       pseudo-random output values.

1       6. The method of claim 5,  
2               wherein the first, second, and third signal lines  
3       couple a source device to a destination device, said  
4       pseudo-random number generator contained within the  
5       source device, the method further comprising:  
6               operating the source device to communicate with the  
7       destination device so as to establish a session key; and  
8               operating the pseudo-random number generator to  
9       generate said pseudo-random output values as a function  
10       of the established session key.

1       7. The method of claim 6, wherein the first, second and  
2       third signals are red, green and blue video signals,  
3       respectively, the method further comprising the steps of:  
4               encrypting horizontal synchronization  
5       information into at least one of said red, green and blue  
6       video signals prior to changing which ones of the first,  
7       second, third and fourth signal lines are used to  
8       transmit said first, second and third signals.

1       8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
2               transmitting a horizontal synchronization  
3       signal over said fourth line prior to using the fourth

4 line to transmit one of said first, second and third  
5 video signals.

1 9. A method of processing first, second, and third  
2 video signals, the method comprising:

3 generating a fourth video signal,  
4 transmitting the first, second, third, and  
5 fourth video signals over first, second, third and fourth  
6 lines, the transmitting including:

7 periodically swapping the lines used to  
8 transmit the first, second, third and fourth video  
9 signals.

1 10. The method of 9, further comprising:

2 modifying at least one of said first, second  
3 and third signals prior to transmitting them.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein modifying at least  
2 one of said first, second and third signals includes:

3 modulating horizontal synchronization  
4 information on each of said first, second, and third  
5 video signals.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein periodically  
2 swapping the lines used to transmit the first, second,  
3 third and fourth video signals includes the act of:

4 performing a matrix multiplication operation on  
5 the first, second, third and fourth video signals to  
6 determine the line on which each of the video signals are  
7 transmitted.

1 14. A machine readable medium, comprising computer  
2 instructions for controlling a computer system to perform  
3 the steps recited in claim 1.

1       15. A method of transmitting signals, the method  
2       comprising:

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2 generating the fourth video signal from at  
3 least one of the red, green and blue video signals.

1       17. The method of claim 15, wherein during the second  
2       period of time the method further comprises:

3               transmitting each of the red, green and blue  
4       video signals and the fourth video signal on one of the  
5       first, second, third and fourth lines; and

6               periodically swapping the lines used to  
7       transmit the red, green, and blue video signals and  
8       fourth video signal.

1       18. The method of claim 15, wherein combining the  
2       horizontal synchronization information with at least one  
3       the vertical synchronization signal, red video signal,  
4       green video signal, and vertical synchronization signal  
5       includes:

6               modulating the horizontal synchronization  
7       information on each of the red, green and blue video  
8       signals.

1       19. The method of claim 15, wherein bi-phase modulation  
2       is used to modulate the horizontal synchronization  
3       information on the red, green and blue video signals.

1       20. The method of claim 15, wherein combining the  
2       horizontal synchronization information with at least one  
3       of the vertical synchronization signal, red video signal,  
4       green video signal and blue video signal includes:

5               combining the horizontal synchronization  
6       information with the vertical synchronization signal to  
7       form a composite synchronization signal including  
8       horizontal and vertical synchronization information.

1       21. A method of operating a display device, comprising:  
2                   receiving first, second, third, and fourth  
3                   video signals;

4                   performing a decryption operation on the  
5                   received video signals, as a function of at least one  
6                   value generated by a pseudo random number generator, to  
7                   generate red, green and blue video signals; and  
8                   supplying the red, green and blue video signals  
9                   to a display.

1       22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:  
2                   performing a demodulation operation on at least  
3                   one of the first, second, third and fourth video signals  
4                   to recover horizontal timing information.

1       23. The method of claim 22, wherein performing a  
2                   demodulation operation includes:

3                   performing a bi-phase decoding operation to  
4                   recover bi-phased encoded horizontal synchronization  
5                   information.

1       24. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
2                   exchanging a session key with a display  
3                   adapter; and  
4                   using the session key to control the pseudo  
5                   random number generator.

1       25. The method of claim 21, wherein performing a  
2                   decryption operation includes:  
3                   performing a matrix multiplication operation,  
4                   on the received first, second, third, and fourth video

5 signals, as a function of at least one value generated by  
6 the pseudo random number generator, to produce said red,  
7 green and blue video signals.

1 26. A method of operating a display device, the display  
2 device including first through fifth inputs, the method  
3 comprising:

4 during a first period of time,  
5 receiving red, green and blue video signals on  
6 the first, second and third inputs;

7 receiving a horizontal synchronization signal  
8 on a fourth input;

9 receiving a vertical synchronization signal on  
10 a fifth input; and

11 during a second period of time,

12 receiving first, second, and third encrypted  
13 video signals on the first, second, and third inputs;

14 receiving a fourth encrypted video signal on a  
15 first one of the fourth and fifth lines; and

16 receiving a vertical synchronization signal on  
17 a second one of the fourth and fifth lines.

1 27. The method of claim 26, further comprising, during  
2 the second time period of operation:

3 demodulating a horizontal synchronization  
4 signal included in at least one of the first, second,  
5 third and fourth encrypted video signals.

1 28. The method of claim 27, further comprising, during  
2 the second time period of operation:

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3 performing a decryption operation on the first,  
4 second, third and fourth encrypted video signals to  
5 generate red, green and blue video signals; and

generating an image on a display from said  
generated red, green and blue video signals.

1 29. A video adapter comprising:

2 a pseudo random number generator;

3                   a video signal generator for generating a  
4   fourth video signal;

5 means for performing, as a function of a value  
6 generated by said pseudo random number generator, a video  
7 signal encryption operation on first, second, and third  
8 video signals and said fourth video signal to produce  
9 first, second, third, and fourth encrypted video signals.

1       30. The video adapter of claim 29, wherein the video  
2       signal generator includes means for generating said  
3       fourth video signal from at least one of said first,  
4       second and third video signals.

1       31. The video adapter of claim 30, wherein the means for  
2       performing a video signal encryption operation includes a  
3       matrix multiplier.

1       32. The video adapter of claim 29, further comprising:  
2               means for modulating horizontal synchronization  
3       information on one of the first, second, third, and  
4       fourth video signals.

33. The video adapter of claim 29,

2                   wherein the first, second, third and fourth  
3                   video signal are analog video signals; and  
4                   wherein the first, second, third and fourth  
5                   encrypted video signals are analog signals.

1       34. A display device, comprising:  
2                   a pseudo random number generator;  
3                   a video decryption circuit for performing, in  
4                   parallel, a video decryption operation on first, second,  
5                   third and fourth encrypted video signals as a function of  
6                   at least one value output by said pseudo random number  
7                   generator to produce analog red, green and blue video  
8                   signals.

1       35. The display device of claim 34, wherein the video  
2                   decryption circuit includes means for performing a matrix  
3                   multiplication operation on the first, second, third and  
4                   fourth encrypted video signals.

1       36. The display device of claim 35, further comprising:  
2                   means for demodulating horizontal  
3                   synchronization information included in at least one of  
4                   the first, second, third and fourth encrypted video  
5                   signals.

1       37. The display device of claim 36, further comprising:  
2                   means for supplying a horizontal signal  
3                   generated by said means for demodulating to a display  
4                   during an encrypted mode of display operation; and

5                   means for supplying a horizontal signal  
6    received during an unencrypted mode of operation to the  
7    display.

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